

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a coated part (2), in particular for a motor vehicle, the part being of the type comprising a structure (4) of injected plastics material coated in at least a first zone of its surface by a main coating (6) and in at least a second zone of its surface by a secondary coating (14), said second zone being surrounded on at least a fraction of its periphery by said first zone, the method being characterized in that it comprises the following steps:

[[•]] a) cutting out a main blank (22) for the main coating (6) to a size greater than the area of said first zone, thereby providing a clamping margin (24);

[[•]] b) cutting out a secondary blank (30) for the secondary coating (14) to a size and a shape corresponding substantially to said second zone;

[[•]] c) securing the secondary blank (30) to the main blank (22) on an area of said main blank (22) that is to remain visible, in a location that corresponds to said second zone;

[[•]] d) ~~placing~~ placement of the assembly comprising the main blank (22) and the secondary blank (30) on a clamping frame (64) in a mold (52) having at least one half-mold (56), which frame positions the clamping margin (24) of the main blank (22) with respect to the half-mold (56);

[[•]] e) ~~closing~~ after said placement, closure of the mold (52), thereby obtaining a closed mold (52), with the assembly comprising the main blank (22) and the secondary blank (30) being shaped during said closure to take up the shape of the mold (52), at least in part;

[[•]] f) overmolding in said closed mold (52) the plastics material (4) onto the assembly comprising the main blank (22) and the secondary blank (30) on the side of the main blank (22) opposite from the secondary blank (30);

[[•]] g) allowing the plastics material (4) to set, and unmolding the structure as a whole; and

[[•]] h) cutting off the clamping margin (24) of the main blank (22),

i) a part of the main blank, which is not cut off, forming the main coating (6) and the secondary blank (30) forming the secondary coating (14).

21. (previously presented) A method according to claim 20, characterized in that the secondary blank (30) is secured to the main blank by adhesive.

22. (previously presented) A method according to claim 20, characterized in that the main blank (22) and the secondary blank (30) are stretched, at least in part, simultaneously during closure of the mold (52).

23. (previously presented) A method according to claim 20, characterized in that it further comprises the following steps:

- positioning a strip (90) of plastics foam on the main blank (22) in a zone lying within said second zone; and
- securing the secondary blank (30) to the visible surface of the main blank (22) so as to cover the foam strip (90) at least in part, and preferably completely.

24. (previously presented) A method according to claim 23, characterized in that the foam strip (90) is secured to the main blank (22).

25. (previously presented) A method according to claim 24, characterized in that the foam strip (90) is secured to the main blank by adhesive.

26. (previously presented) A method according to claim 23, characterized in that the foam strip (90) is sandwiched between the main blank (22) and the secondary blank (30), and in that the strip (90) is surrounded at least in part and preferably completely by a marginal region of the secondary blank (22).

27. (previously presented) A method according to claim 20, characterized in that the main blank (22) is held around its entire periphery in the clamping frame (64).

28. (previously presented) A method according to claim 20, for manufacturing a part that is partially coated by the main coating on one side, the method being characterized in that the step of cutting out a main blank comprises the sub-step of cutting out the main blank (22) cut out to a shape whose outline on one side (92) corresponds to a boundary (84) between the main coating (6) and a non-coated portion (82), and in that the clamping margin (24) is provided on the other sides of the blank.

29. (previously presented) A method according to claim 27, characterized in that the main blank (22) is substantially rectangular in shape.

30. (previously presented) A method according to claim 20, characterized in that it further comprises the following steps:

- fixing the main blank (22) in a matrix (42) in a defined position;
- fixing the secondary blank (30) in a recess in a punch (46) for co-operating with a matrix (42), the recess being complementary in shape to the secondary blank (30) and being situated at a location that corresponds to the location of the secondary blank (30) on the main blank (22);
- applying the punch (46) against the matrix (42); and
- withdrawing the punch (46) and withdrawing the assembly comprising the main blank (22) and the secondary blank (30) from the matrix (42).

31. (previously presented) A method according to claim 20, characterized in that a common reference system is used for all of the operations of positioning the parts relative to one another.

32. (previously presented) A method according to claim 20, characterized in that a thermal protection sheet (31) for the main blank (22) and for the secondary blank (30) is secured, in particular by adhesive, on the surface of the main blank (22) opposite from the secondary blank (30).

33-38. (canceled)

39. (new) A method of manufacturing a coated part (2), in particular for a motor vehicle, the part being of the type comprising a structure (4) of injected plastics material coated in at least a first zone of its surface by a main coating (6) and in at least a second zone of its surface by a secondary coating (14), said second zone being surrounded on at least a fraction of its periphery by said first zone, the method being characterized in that it comprises the following steps:

a) cutting out a main blank (22) for the main coating (6) to a size greater than the area of said first zone, thereby providing a clamping margin (24);

b) cutting out a secondary blank (30) for the secondary coating (14) to a size and a shape corresponding substantially to said second zone;

c) securing the secondary blank (30) to the main blank (22) on an area of said main blank (22) that is to remain visible, in a location that corresponds to said second zone;

d) placement of the assembly comprising the main blank (22) and the secondary blank (30) on a clamping frame (64) in a mold (52) having at least one half-mold (56), which frame positions the clamping margin (24) of the main blank (22) with respect to the half-mold (56);

e) after said placement, closure of the mold (52), thereby obtaining a closed mold (52), with the assembly comprising the main blank (22) and the secondary blank (30) being shaped during said closure to take up the shape of the mold (52), at least in part;

f) overmolding in said closed mold (52) the plastics material (4) onto the assembly comprising the main blank (22) and the secondary blank (30) on the side of the main blank (22) opposite from the secondary blank (30);

g) allowing the plastics material (4) to set, and unmolding the structure as a whole; and

h) cutting off the clamping margin (24) of the main blank (22),

i) a part of the main blank, which is not cut off, forming the main coating (6) and the secondary blank (30) forming the secondary coating (14), wherein

said step of cutting off the clamping margin takes place after said step of overmolding and after said step of allowing the plastics material to set.